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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Institutes of Technology (NIT) functioning in the country, at present, State/ location-wise;
(b) whether the NITs have not performed as well as expected neither on ranking nor on placement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
(c) whether the Government has asked the NITs to get their act together to fill up vacancies, focus on better placements, encourage research and patents, aim for a more inclusive campus and aggressively work and the response of the NITs thereto; and
(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the overall performance of NITs and improve its brand in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a): A list of 31 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) currently functioning in the country, State/ location-wise is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Whereas some NITs like Tiruchirappalli, Rourkela and Surathkal have improved their performance, ranking of some other NITs has changed in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) - 2017 as compared to NIRF Rankings-2016. The Council of National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) in its 10th meeting held on 26th May, 2017 have approved an action plan consisting of the following:-
i) All faculty vacancies shall be advertised at the earliest; and every Institution should reduce their vacancies by half before the next Council meeting.
ii) High quality research output, generation of patents shall be encouraged. This could include increase in PhDs, setting up centers of excellence in selected fields, increased interaction with the industry etc.
iii) Improve placements through a systematic internship programme that should be made mandatory.
iv) Take steps for improving the perception.
v) Improve the placement with better coordination with industry.
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